

**TOWN OF MOUNT WASHINGTON**  
**2 Plantain Pond Road**  
**Mt. Washington, MA**  
**WARRANT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, May 2, 2023**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Berkshire, ss.

To: David Whitbeck, Constable of the Town of Mount Washington, in said County.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on **Tuesday, May 2, 2023**, it being the first Tuesday in said month, at **7:30 P.M.**, then and there to act upon the following articles:

**Article 1:** To hear the report of the Selectboard or any other officers or committees and act thereon.

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the following sums of money, or any other sums, as may be required to defray the expenses of the town for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

	Appropriations FY2023	Proposed Appropriations FY2024
Accounting Officer	3,400	3,400
Accounting Expenses (audit)	15,000	8,000
Animal Control Officer	546	1,500
Animal Inspector		500
Assessors Consulting Service (rev/map)	10,000	10,000
Bank Services	1	1
Berkshire County Retirement System	28,745	30,000
Cemeteries	3,750	3,750
Conservation Commission	2,000	2,000
Communication fee	1,350	1,500
Council on Aging/Transportation Services	400	2,500
Egremont Fire Companies	24,000	24,000
Emergency Preparedness	1	1
Employee Medicare matching funds	2,731	3,155
Fuel	18,000	20,000
Full Time Highway Employees	109,637	118,408
Insect Pest Control	1	1
Insurance - Group	89,478	55,459
Insurance - Town	18,000	18,000
Information Technology	7,500	7,500
Library	1,850	2,000
Machinery Maintenance	50,000	50,000
MA Division of Employment Security	225	218
Police	1	460
Printing & Supplies	7,500	7,500
Schools Including Bus	165,799	235,974
So. Berk. Volunteer Ambulance Squad	3,055	8,793

Town Buildings - Maintenance & Repair	5,000	5,000
Town Counsel	3,000	7,000
Town Highway	40,000	40,000
Town Highway Stone and Gravel	30,000	40,000
Town Officers Expense	5,000	5,000
Constable Pay - Election Year	875	700
Town Clerk Pay - Election Year		820
Board of Health Administrator	4,346	4,563
Town Secretary	18,804	20,302
Tree Warden	18,000	18,000
Utilities	15,000	12,000
Veterans' Services	1,013	1,306
Winter Maintenance	70,000	70,000

**Total                    \$778,008                    \$839,311**

**Article 3:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to fix salaries of the Elected Town Officers:

	<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>
Treasurer	18,344	19,261
Tax Collector	4,281	4,495
SB Chair	2,034	2,136
SB Member	1,524	1,600
SB Member	1,524	1,600
Assessor	1,673	1,757
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Town Clerk	2,731	2,868
Constable	438	460
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,895</b>	<b>\$37,691</b>

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$43,500.00 in Waste Management fees, to cover all costs associated with waste disposal and recycling. (To be reimbursed in fees collected)

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint any committee or committees and give them or any Town Officer the authority or indemnity and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,000.00 for inspection services. (This is a revolving fund to cover expenses for inspections until payment is received for those services by third parties.)

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for a Reserve fund, as provided in Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$92,640.00 to cover all costs associated with the Mount Washington Broadband Network. (to be reimbursed in fees collected)

- Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150,000 to fund the Equipment Replacement Stabilization Fund.
- Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,828.00 for Town Hall improvements.
- Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$34,256.00 to fund the Broadband Stabilization Fund.
- Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$104,563.00 from free cash to supplement the MASS Works Grant for Gravel Road Remediation.
- Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$125,000.00 from the Equipment Replacement Stabilization Fund to purchase a used grader.  
(This Article requires a 2/3 majority vote)
- Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$125,000.00 from the Equipment Replacement Fund to purchase a new plow/utility truck.  
(This Article requires a 2/3 majority vote)
- Article 15:** To see if the town will vote to amend the general bylaws, also called the compilation of legalization of the Town of Mount Washington 1994, by adding the following to Chapter 69 Planning Board §69-2:

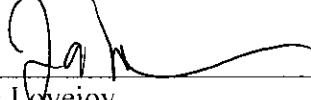
Any vacancy for an unexpired term of a member of the Planning Board or a vacancy for the position of Associate on the Planning Board shall be filled by appointment by the combined votes of the Select Board Members (3) and the Planning Board Members (5). Members who sit on both boards shall have only one vote. In the event of a tie for either appointment, the vote will defer solely to members of the Planning Board, who shall vote for the person to fill the position. At the next annual town election, the position of member of the Planning Board shall be filled by election for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Associate Member shall be appointed for a three-year term.

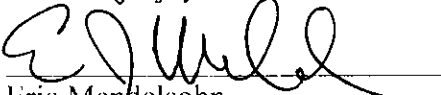
Articles 2-4 and 6-15 were approved by the Finance Committee.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy on the Town Hall and Town Transfer Station of Mount Washington, at least seven days before the time of holding of said meeting. Hereof, fail not and of this warrant with your doings thereon, make return to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 18th day of April 2023.

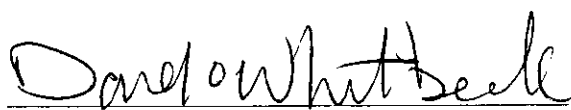
Select Board Town of Mount Washington

  
James Lovejoy

  
Eric Mendelsohn

  
Brian Tobin

I have served this warrant by posting an attested copy on the Town Hall and transfer station seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

  
David Whitbeck

Constable Town of Mt Washington

Date: 4/24/23